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In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated June 20, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-7), without traverse. Applicants further elect SEQ ID NO: 3.

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